

## 31st ANNIVERSARY

She teaches 1st grade.  
He sends her a  
dozen carnations.  
During 31 years of  
marriage he's never  
sent her flowers.  
He likes to be  
unpredictable  
because he feels  
so ordinary.  
With the bouquet  
he sends a love  
note on one of  
those decorated  
cards printed by  
the thousands.

## FORGIVENESS

They're eating dinner,  
watching the national news.  
He feels cheated by  
the lack of depth  
& says we should  
watch the Neil/MacLehr.  
He's had three glasses  
of wine & a sneaked  
swallow of vodka.  
She says MacNeil/Lehrer.  
He hates making mistakes  
& targets her for his  
anger but holds it in.  
He keeps watching  
the pictures & listening  
to the voices, which  
are illustrating horror  
stories, & soon forgives  
her for his mistake.